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Female genital mutilation: Why Egyptian girls fear the summer
Cairo, Egypt (CNN)Summer days: They're what childhood memories are made of, glorious afternoons of unchecked freedom to frolic with friends in the sun, unshackled from the earthly obligations of a math class that never seemed further away. More...

'When you're cut you won't be a slut looking for men like a prostitute': An utterly horrifying encounter with the FGM cutter women who butcher young girls' genitals with a razor blade
Standing barefoot with a viciously sharp blade in her hand this is a cutter woman who performs female genital mutilation (FGM) on young girls as part of a misguided belief it prevents promiscuity and maintains family status in the traditional community. More...

'Disgusting' FGM campaign wins prestigious advertising awards at Cannes
A heavily criticised campaign against female genital mutilation has won a top advertising award at Cannes. Ogilvy and Mather London created the advertisements to raise awareness about FGM - a crime where a girl or woman's genitalia is cut for 'cultural reasons' - back in April, on behalf of anti-FGM charity 28 Too Many. More...

Waris Dirie: the supermodel giving FGM victims their sexuality back
Ntalan Loloki felt she was “brimming with sexuality” after her reconstructive surgery. Kenya-born and a member of the Masai tribe, she had undergone female genital mutilation at the age of 12. Last year she had an operation in Germany to restore sexual pleasure and ease pain. More...

Gambia: She She She - My FGM Story, a Story Common to All
It was early morning after men are returning from the mosque for Fajr prayers, and the morning was very cold as usual. Lying on my bed alone I tried to wrap myself up in a blanket to drive away the cold. The environment was quiet and peaceful. Then, suddenly, I heard footsteps and the child, my sister's daughter that I was sleeping with on the same bed being smuggled away by an old woman. More...

Kurya elders appeal for financial support to fight FGM
ELDERS of the Kurya tribe in Mara Region are appealing for financial support to disseminate antiFemale Genital Mutilation (FGM) awareness. Secretary for all the 13 clans of the Kurya tribe, Mr Mwita Nyasibora, stated this during a crucial meeting held here recently to lay out strategic plans to eradicate FGM in the area. More...

Study reveals shocking FGM prevalence in Iran
A new study has found the practice female genital mutilation (FGM) to be common in areas of Iran, refuting repeated government claims that the
practice does not exist in the Islamic Republic. More...

Challenging the oppression of women
On 5 May, Goodluck Jonathan, in his final act as president of Nigeria, banned female genital mutilation (FGM) in the sub-Saharan country, a move hailed as a positive step by anti-FGM activists. More...

The International Network to Analyze, Communicate and Transform the Campaign against FGM/C (INTACT), is an international group of researchers, scholars, and activists committed to bringing scientific evidence to bear on the campaign to end FGM/C. INTACT serves as a forum for FGM/C debate and helps bridge gaps in knowledge and information relevant to FGM/C on the local and the international levels. INTACT helps communicate lessons learned, disseminate research, and promotes the utilization of research findings to assist in the campaign against FGM/C. INTACT is managed by the Population Council.